

Wet Quotation From Lincoln Called a Fake

Statement Opposing Prohibition Credited to the Emancipator Not His, Says Chicago Minister

Affidavit Traces Origin

Words Alleged to Have Been Composed for Use in Georgia Liquor Fight

CHICAGO, July 10.—Denial that Abraham Lincoln had once declared himself as opposed to prohibition was made to-day by the Rev. Duncan C. Milner, associate minister of a Presbyterian church here, a Civil War veteran and chaplain of the Loyal Legion. In a statement intended to refute the claim of "certain wet organizations" that the "immortal Lincoln" had ever lent even a hint of approval to the liquor traffic, Mr. Milner made public an affidavit signed by three nationally known men setting forth that an alleged quotation from Lincoln which was used in a local option campaign in Georgia in 1887 was an admitted fraud.

The affidavit, signed by the Rev. Sam Small, evangelist; the Rev. Sam Jones and Henry W. Grady, declares that "some time after the campaign Colonel John B. Goodwin, who had been the director of the anti-prohibition forces, told that he himself had composed the alleged words of Lincoln so as to attract the attention of the colored voters."

The alleged statement of Lincoln's views was set forth in a circular widely broadcast in the campaign, and did much to defeat the local option measure by winning over the entire colored vote to the side of the wets, Mr. Milner explained.

The words credited to Lincoln, but since admitted to be those of another writer: "Prohibition will work great injury to the cause of temperance. It is a species of interference itself, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control man's appetite by legislation and in making crime out of things that are not crimes."

"The quotation was headed 'Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation,' and was followed by the words: 'I will not sign it.'"

"Colored Voter: He appeals to you to protect the liberty he has bestowed upon you. Will you go back on his advice? Look to your rights! Read, Act! Vindicate the sale."

Mr. Milner declared that the alleged statement of Lincoln is being circulated to-day by organizations opposed to the Eighteenth Amendment and is a part of a "campaign to forever clear the name of the Great Emancipator of a foul stigma."

Indictments Dismissed
In Heating Ass'n Cases

Indictments were dismissed or the defendants ordered acquitted yesterday in the case of five of the alleged members of the Heating and Ventilating Employers' Association, who are on trial before Justice McAvoy in the Supreme Court, charged with entering into an agreement in restraint of trade.

This action was taken in the cases of Frank J. Fee, Wells & Newtons Co., William J. Ovaney, E. G. Woolfolk & Co. and Samuel Raisler.

The trial was started Wednesday, and in The Tribune of the following day it was erroneously reported that W. K. Moran & Co. were defendants in the case.

W. K. Moran & Co. are not defendants, although at that time owing to an oversight, the name of the firm was included in the list of defendants in notices sent to special jurors, which form part of the court records.

As a matter of fact, the indictment against W. K. Moran & Co. was dismissed by Justice Wasservogel, of the Supreme Court, on February 3, four days after it had been filed.

Italy to Abolish Office in U. S.

ROME, July 10.—"La Epoca" announces that the office of General Commissioner of Supplies in America is soon to be dispensed with. The post is held by Francesco Quattrone.

Quits Police After 39 Yrs.

Lieut. James F. Meehan Retires From Department

Lieutenant James F. Meehan, sixty-three years old, of 203 East 306th Street, retired from the Police Department last night after thirty-nine years and five months service. Since January he has been assigned to the Mercer Street station.

Meehan was appointed to the department in 1883. He became a detective sergeant in 1902 and was made a lieutenant in 1907. He served for eight years in the detective division and for the fifteen years prior to last January he was assigned to the West 125th Street station.

Harding Verdict on Tariff and Bonus Is Delayed by Strike

Cannot Hear Senators Until Thursday or Later; Leaders Oppose Kellogg's Plan for Decision on Cloture

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The Senate tariff and bonus program remained in a state of uncertainty to-day. The expected conference between the President and Senate Republican leaders, headed by Senator Lodge, did not take place because Mr. Harding was busy with the coal strike and other matters. Senator Lodge sought to have the President make an appointment, but the Executive asked that it go over until Thursday or later.

Senate Republican chiefs talked informally over the legislative situation, but they accomplished little. The program continues to be much in the air. Disclosure of the fact that the tariff bill may be forced over until after the election has caused protests to come in from some sources against delay.

Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, is insisting that the Senate should drop the tariff and begin a fight to get a majority cloture rule adopted. He has considerable support, but Senators Lodge, Watson, Curtis and the leaders of most influence are against the plan. They fear that if cloture is taken up there will be a contentious and prolonged debate, which will wreck the whole legislative program, including tariff and bonus.

A prominent Senate Republican leader said the tariff bill was in a snarl, but there was nothing to do but to go ahead and take the time necessary to pass it. He said it would not be dropped and the Republicans would keep at it until they had disposed of it.

After the bill has been under debate in the Senate nearly three months less than one-third of the more than 2,000 Finance Committee amendments have been acted on.

The rate on sugar will remain at \$1.60 a hundred pounds, according to the positive predictions of Senators who are opposed to an increase in the rate.

The movement of Senators Smoot, Gooding and others to increase the rate to \$2.50, with \$2 for Cuban sugar, will be beaten, in the opinion of opposition chiefs, who have carefully canvassed Senators.

The House rate on sugar is \$1.60, but there has been much clamor from sugar interests in this country for an increase. Senate Finance Committee Republicans, in view of this clamor, promised Senators who are interested in protection for sugar interests that an increase to \$2.50 would be made.

Such has been the recent outcry against the tariff bill that the Finance Committee leaders have become dubious about reporting in favor of a \$2.50 sugar rate. They have decided, therefore, not to bring in an amendment to increase the duty. They cannot prevent any Senator from offering such an amendment, however, and one will be offered by Senator Smoot, Senator Gooding or some other advocate.

Spaniard's Body Exhumed at Request of Consul General

The body of Antonio Paradella, who died December 29 on a fruit steamer on which he was employed, was exhumed yesterday at Calvary Cemetery by Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, and Dr. Alexander O. Gettler, toxicologist at Bellevue Hospital, at the request of the Spanish Consul General.

At the office of the Spanish Consul General, 158 West Fourteenth Street, it was said that the request for exhumation was made in accordance with the wishes of Enrique Fraga, of La Coruna, Spain, who wrote that the sailor's relatives suspected his death was due to the use of cyanide gas in fumigating the ship and wanted an autopsy performed.

'Uncle John' Shell, 134, and His 6-Yr.-Old Son Albert



The Kentucky mountaineer, who was buried yesterday at his home in Leslie County, was declared by many to be the oldest person in the world. He had papers to show his birth in September, 1788. Among the surviving children by his three wives are sons ninety-seven and six years old.

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Kentucky Claimant to Title of Oldest Person Had Papers to Show Birth Sept. 3, 1788

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Shell's health had been failing since the death of his third wife a year ago, but he had been actually ill only a short time and retained his faculties up to the time of his death last week. Many very old persons in Leslie County say that Shell was an old man when they were children. His accounts of his great age were generally believed. He was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Kentucky when a small boy.

Lone Star State Picked To Bear Harding's Name

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WASHINGTON, July 10.—The Lone Star State, a 518 foot vessel, was selected to-day by the Shipping Board to bear the name of President Harding.

The change was brought about by the President's refusal to have the giant American liner, Leviathan, named for him in accordance with the decision of the Shipping Board to give all the "State" boats and the former German vessels distinctive American names.

The Lone Star State was first named President Taft. In order to include President Harding in the list of "Presidential" names, the board to-day decided to make five changes in the former names given the "State" boats. The President Roosevelt is the new name for the President Pierce; the President Taft was formerly the President Roosevelt; the President Taylor is now the known as the President Cleveland, and the President Cleveland now takes the name of President Pierce.

Four ex-German ships also were renamed, as follows: President Filmore, formerly the Hudson; President Arthur, formerly the Princess Matoika; City of Los Angeles, formerly Aeolus, and City of Honolulu, formerly Huron.

New Grace Church Organist
Ernest Mitchell, of Boston, Coming Here in Fall

BOSTON, July 10.—Ernest Mitchell, organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church for twelve years, has accepted a call to become organist at Grace Church, New York. His duties begin in the fall.

Mr. Mitchell studied with all the Goodrich, Dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, and with Arthur Seay, who has served as director of the Cecilia Society and the Brookline Choral Society. During the war he served as an ensign in the navy. He is thirty-two years of age and was graduated from Harvard eight years ago.

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Farm Bloc Beaten In Fight to Boost Soya Bean Tariff

Vote to Raise Rate to 1½ Cents Ends in Tie; Duties on Peanuts of 3 Cents a Pound Approved, 52-13

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Failure of the Republican agricultural tariff bloc on a tie vote, 28 to 28, to win its fight for a rate of 1½ cents a pound on Soya beans and the approval, 52 to 13, of the emergency rates of three cents a pound on unshelled peanuts and four cents a pound on the shelled, marked Senate consideration to-day of the tariff bill.

The Soya bean rate approved was four-tenths of a cent a pound, but Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, gave notice that he would again seek to have the higher rate adopted. In rewriting the tariff the Finance Committee majority cut the rates on unshelled peanuts to three-fourths of one cent a pound and on shelled peanuts to 1½ a cent a pound, but it receded from its position to-day. Nine Democrats supported the higher rates, while six of them voted for the Ladd amendment to make the Soya bean rate 1½ cents.

Democrats supporting the peanut rates were Ashurst, Broussard, Harris, Heflin, Kendrick, Ransdell, Sheppard, Swanson and Trammell. Those voting for the higher Soya bean rate were Ashurst, Broussard, Heflin, Kendrick, Ransdell and Sheppard.

Other rates approved to-day included: Flaxseed oil, 3½ cents a pound, an increase of 1 cent over the House rate; castor oil, 4½ cents, an increase of 1½ cents over the House rate; rapeseed oil, 6 cents a gallon, a slight reduction from the House rate.

Flaxseed, 40 cents a bushel; House rate, 25 cents; cottonseed one-third of a cent a pound; House duty, free. Eggs in the shell eight cents a dozen, and increase of 2 cents over the House rate; Frozen or otherwise prepared, 6 cent a pound; House rate, 4 cents; dried, 18 cents a pound; House rate, 15 cents.

Frelinghuysen Opposes Rate

The Soya bean debate developed a sharp passage between Senators Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, a Finance Committee Republican, and Senator Gooding, of Idaho, chairman of the Republican tariff bloc. Opposing the Soya bean rate, Senator Frelinghuysen said this would work an injury to the farmers by cutting down exports of vegetable oils from this country, and that, although a staunch protectionist, he could not support a high duty when there was no evidence that the domestic demand could be supplied by American producers.

Attacking the committee action in lowering rates on peanuts, Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, said this was done for "small peanut politics," the purpose being to attempt to embarrass Southern Senators whose states produce peanuts and who are against the principle of protection as such.

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Loses Claim to Estate of Woman He Called Wife

Marriage, if It Took Place, Not Valid, Since Mrs. Flynn Had Husband, Surrogate Rules

In a decision handed down yesterday Surrogate Foley held that Charles A. Church, of Los Angeles, was not the husband of Martha Flynn, of Kennett, Nova Scotia, at the time of her death on June 6, 1921, and dismissed Church's protest to the probate of her will.

According to the papers in the case, Mrs. Flynn was the wife of Frederick Flynn, with whom she resided in Brooklyn after her marriage to him in 1905. There were two children by this marriage, and when Mrs. Flynn died under the terms of